Montana Office of Public Instruction Middle School Program - Intent to Apply and Final Application Documentation Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 10.55.902(3)

Administrative Rates of Montana (ARM) 10:55:502(5)				
COMPONENT	DOCUMENTATION	OPI Use		
PHILOSOPHY		Met	Not Met	
A philosophy that specifically addresses the unique nature of middle school children by focusing on their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development. 10.55902(2), 10.55.902(3)(a)				
Components:				
A formal, written middle school policy		Ш		
Staff training about transcendent needs				
Interdisciplinary common planning time				
Parental involvement				
Guidance program				
Small learning communities or clusters no larger than 80 students				

COMPONENT DOCUMENTATION		OPI Use	
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM		Met	Not Met
Education program aligned to program area standards that enable all students to meet the content standards and content specific grade-level learning progressions. 10.55.902(1)			
Components: • Curricula based upon program area standards			
Curriculum emphasizing mastery			
Assessment of student performance based upon progress in skill and objectives			
Formative assessment			
Grading emphasizing progress			
Activities/athletics that emphasize skill development over competition			

Middle School Program Checklist - ARM 10.55			
COMPONENT	DOCUMENTATION	OP	l Use
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM		Met	Not Met
Middle school programs shall include at a minimum, the following program areas, required of all students yearly. 10.55.902(3)(d)(i-v)			
Components: English language arts: including reading and writing literacy integrated into all required and elective program areas			
Mathematics			
Physical and life sciences			
Social studies			
Health enhancement			

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MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM		Met	Not Met
Middle school programs will maintain the following required program areas: 10.55.902(3)(e)(i-iv), 10.55.902(3)(f)			
Visual arts: including art history & criticisr perception, and production			
Music: including general, instrumental, and vocal			
Career and technical education including agriculture, business education, family and consumer sciences, industrial technology education			
Students shall have the opportunity to take world language and culture			

Exploratory opportunities shall be offered as electives to all students (e.g., creative writing, dance, drama, financial education, photography, and leadership).	
(Exploratories are typically found in mini-courses, electives, and special programs and often are offered during time periods when exceptions have been made to the regular school schedule.)	

Middle School Program Checklist - ARM 10.55.902(3) Continued			
COMPONENT	DOCUMENTATION	OPI Use	
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM CUR	RICULUM SHALL INCLUDE:	Met	Not Met
Critical thinking. 10.55.902(3)(b) Examples: curriculum with thinking skills embedded enhancement of thinking skills in all subjects special problem solving/thinking skills program media literacy			
Career awareness. 10.55.902(3)(b) Examples: discrete units in career awareness embedded within subject areas integrated into interdisciplinary units offered as a part of guidance program included in course syllabi, objectives and assessment plans			
Lifelong learning. 10.55.902(3)(b) Examples: study skills library skills attitudes, self concept opportunities for personal development written curriculum special programs (specify)			

Safety. 10.55.902(3)(b)		
Examples:		
science labs		
drugs, STDs		
health issues and wellness		
physical education and sports		
pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety		
 written curriculum, syllabi and 		
assessment		
other programs (specify)		
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Documentation of flexibility with		
curriculum guides, falling within the		
continuum of skills that are part of the K-12		
program in all disciplines. 10.55.902(3(a)(i)		
Examples:		
curriculum guides developed by		
teachers		
 curriculum development process 		
review of documents		

COMPONENT	DOCUMENTATION	OP	l Use
MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAM CURRICULUM SHA	ALL INCLUDE: FLEXIBILITY IN INSTRUCTION	Met	Not Met
Flexibility to approach instruction in a variety of ways. 10.55.902(3)(a)(i) Examples: cooperative group work individualized instruction use of media technologies field trips guest speakers peer tutoring cross-grade projects enrichment opportunities other (specify)			
FLEXIBILITY OF SCHEDULES			
Documentation of flexibility with class schedules. 10.55.902(3)(a)(i) Examples: schedule changes for projects block scheduling advisory periods schedule modifications for exploratories			

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BLOCKS OF COURSEWORK		Met	Not Met
Blocks of course work deriving from the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical needs of middle school students. 10.55.902(3)(a)(iii) Examples: Project Based Learning hands on learning experiential learning opportunities for expression opportunities for celebration opportunities for leadership creation of learning artifacts			
INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK			
Interdisciplinary work. 10.55.902(3)(ii) Components: Common planning time for cross curricular teams			
Thematic units			
Integration of subjects involved			
Student teams			

• Te	acher teams		
Exa	mples:		
-	parallel instruction in disciplines,		
•	integrated days of instruction across		
	disciplines		
•	cross-discipline objectives in		
	curriculum guides		